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FISH CANNERS NOMINATE FOR COMING ELECTIONS; KEY OFFICERS UNOPPOSED

Nomination of officers for elections next month were completed at last week's meeting by the Monterey County Fish Cannery Workers Union, with incumbents in key offices unopposed for re-election.

Chief contests are for the presidency, with two opponents seeking the post from incumbent Bill Culver, and for the trustee, where five nominees seek three posts.

Business Agent Lester A. Caveny, Secretary-Treasurer Roy Humbricht, and Recording Secretary Shirley Williams are unopposed.

The union's election will be Thursday, October 10, and the ballot will be as follows:

President—Joe Perry, John Wheat, Bill Culver (inc.).

Vice-President—Louie Mathison.

Secretary-Treasurer—Roy Humbricht (inc.).

Recording Secretary—Shirley Williams (inc.).

Business Agent—Lester A. Caveny (inc.).

Sergeant-at-Arms—Joe Freitas.

Trustees (3 and 1 alternate)—Claude Bennett (inc.), George Moore (inc.), Walt Thomas, Richard Davison, Tony Alves.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Aeneas Sardine Products Co.—Ruby Murray, Jack Renich.

Atlantic Coast Fisheries Co.—Mamie Irwin (inc.), Joe Mancha.

California Frozen Fish Company—Rudolph Hommel, Fred Dalton, Myrtle Patis.

California Packing Corp.—Joe Perry (inc.), Earl Patterson, Elsie Wakefield.

Carmel Canning Company—Marian Caveny (inc.), Roscoe Jones.

Custom House Packing Corporation—John Sanchez (inc.), Mary Kirby (inc.).

Laundry Union Plans Changes In Contracts

Laundry Workers 258 met in a special session last week with an unusually good attendance to talk over proposed amendments and changes to the existing contract with employers of Salinas laundries.

Business Representative J. W. Deer of the union said that employers have been notified that the union wishes to open negotiations for contract amendments.

Lawrence Palacios, international representative for AFL Laundry Workers, was a visitor at the meeting. Ten members were accepted by initiation.

Deer reported that a meeting was held with Mr. Page and Mr. Moss of the Modern Linen Supply Co. of Salinas but that the two operators of the company asked for a delay before talking over a union contract. Next meeting was set for Tuesday of this week.

Vet Apprentice Pay Limitation Draws Protests

Limitations through federal legislation on pay which may be earned by veterans receiving on-the-job apprenticeship training were blasted last week by the Salinas American Legion, Post 589, and by other organizations.

The protests are that government-required deductions from pay through apprenticeship programs are curtailing the wages of veterans and are causing a lowered standard of living. Limitations restrict a veteran receiving apprenticeship training to a pay of \$175 a month if single, \$200 if with dependents.

Labor unions in the county are studying the proposition, it is reported.

BOX MAKERS NEGOTIATE

Negotiations between Box Makers Union 3034 of Salinas for union contracts with the Ralph E. Myers Co. and the E. E. Hardin Co. are continuing, reports Business Representative John W. Deer.

Brother Deer said that his union hopes to get good contracts with these firms shortly.

POOR PAT!

Pat Alexander, whose name was Pat Wilson until her recent divorce, has a tough time of it all—Pat celebrated her divorce by coming down with a severe case of measles. Her first day back on the job she hurt her foot and a serious infection set in, requiring medical attention! What next?

Incidentally, Pat is the attractive office secretary in Monterey offices of Teamsters 287.

Pearl Robinson On Vacation

Pearl Robinson, secretary-treasurer of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Alliance 483 of Monterey, was away from her work this week, taking a well earned vacation.

Friends said Mrs. Robinson was taking a motor trip to the east and would be back next week.

Amalgamation of 3 Rail Unions Urged By Conductor Chief

Chicago, Illinois.

A plan for merging three rail unions into "one strong unit" was proposed here by Roy Griffith, chairman of Lodge 26, Order of Railroad Conductors (unaffiliated). The three unions which he said should consolidate "for purposes of strength, efficiency and economy" are the conductors, the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) and the Switchmen's Union (AFL).

Committees will be set up in St. Louis, Kansas City and west coast terminals, he said, with headquarters in Toledo, Ohio.

Rig Builders Awarded \$20 to \$22 per Diem

Fort Worth, Texas.

Rig builders, who lay the first groundwork in the oil fields, have won wage raises from \$20 to \$22 a day as the result of negotiations with the oil contractors.

BIG MARITIME TIEUP BLAME CHARGED TO STABILIZING BOARD

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The maritime tie-up caused by the strike of the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, can be blamed solely on the inexcusable and irrational action of the National Wage Stabilization Board, which denied these unions a wage increase arrived at through the normal processes of collective bargaining on the pretext that, because this increase was greater than that awarded to the CIO by a governmental fact-finding body, it would prove to be inflationary.

The logic by which this decision was arrived at is not understandable. No increase in price was involved in the wage increase. What ever additional wages these AFL seamen would receive under their collective bargaining contract would have come out of the pockets of the shipowners, and not out of the pockets of the consumer. Why such an increase could be termed inflationary is beyond the imagination of any rational person.

The action of the Wage Stabilization Board left the union with no recourse but to strike. Furthermore, the strike was not so much against a ruling of a governmental body as it was against the bureau-

St. Louis Police Go 'Underground' Following City Ban on Unionism

St. Louis, Missouri.

Half the St. Louis police force, faced with a ban on their union membership, have gone underground to continue their organizing activity. Three policemen, officers of the union, defied the prohibition to force a court test of the ban and as a result face imminent dismissal from the force.

The three who will be brought up on charges of violating police manual rules forbidding union membership are John R. Judge, union treasurer, Julius Haff and Daniel King. Conforming to a union policy to test the legality of the police department's order, they refused to sign statements that they had dropped their union membership. The other members were instructed to withdraw from Local 549, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, by the union's executive board.

Former motorcycle policeman Richard T. Miller, union president who was fired for helping to organize the union, isn't worried about the mass resignations. "The organization is functioning right now through the Shield Club, which is the alternate name for Local 549," he said. "The club dues are \$1.50 a month, the same as the union dues, and will be paid by those who were forced by the board to quit the union."

"We would have preferred to carry on openly, but at any rate we'll continue to function until there is a final court decision. We already have said we would disband if the decision holds that a police union is not legal, but we're determined to carry this fight to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary."

Navy Yard Threats On Union Activity

"Any supervisor who retains his labor organization office or committee membership... shall be required to resign from his supervisory position" is a Mare Island rule that is being used against union employees.

Protests have been sent by union officers to William Green, AFL president, calling the policy "insulting, un-American, and discriminatory." They charge that prominent AFL members have been asked to resign their union office or suffer disciplinary action.

"We desire to hear from your office concerning this subject in order to guide our members in promoting the prestige of the AFL," the protest read, "not only in reference to bureaucratic regimentation of civilians in Navy Yards, but in other departments of our government who may decide union busting policies."

Why Men Kill

Two men pedaled their tandem bicycle up a very steep hill and stopped to rest at the top.

"Sure," said one, "that was real hard work. I didn't think we'd get here."

"Nor did I," said the other. "I was afraid we'd run backwards—that's why I kept on the brake."

Here Is 'Miss AFL'



Colleen Mary Sullivan, 20, Detroit beauty, was chosen as Miss AFL of 1946 in a beauty contest open to all AFL members and their families. She fulfills all contract specifications. (Federated Pictures.)

Here's How Costs Went Up Without Any Control

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The complete cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (now known as the Consumers Price Index) for July 15, 1946, has just been released, and it reflects the increase in prices that took place during the period of June 30 to July 15, 1946, when there was no OPA price control.

For the United States as a whole, the index rose from 133.3 in June, 1946 to 141.0 for July, an increase of 5.8 per cent. The greatest rise was for food items. The food index rose from 145.6 in June to 165.7 for July, an increase of 13.8 per cent. This increase in food prices is the largest monthly increase ever recorded by the Bureau of Labor Statistics since it has prepared its index. The previous high occurred in 1917 when the food index rose 9 per cent between the months of May and April.

In the more important foods, such as meats and dairy products, even greater increases were recorded. Thus, during the 30 days between June 15 and July 15, 1946, meat prices advanced 29.6 per cent and dairy products 21.2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO INDEX

For San Francisco, the index rose from 137.8 to 145.9, an increase of 4.1 per cent. Food items rose from 155.5 to 172.1, an increase of nearly 11 per cent. For Los Angeles, the index for all items rose from 136.1 in June to 141.9 in July, an increase of 4.3 per cent. Food items for Los Angeles rose from 154.8 to 171.2, an increase of 10.6 per cent.

For the United States, the July 1946 index is now 99.9 per cent over January, 1941, the past date which the Wage Stabilization Board now uses to compute wage increases. The index is now 43 per cent above the index for August 1939, the last month preceding the war in Europe, and the so-called last month of normalcy. For Los Angeles, the present index is now 38.4 over January 1941 and 41.2 over August 1939. For San Francisco, the index shows an increase of 41.4 since January 1941 and 44.9 since August 1939.

Congressional Probe Perils Vet Training

New York City.

Congressional revision of veterans' on-the-job training laws may compel cancellation of 70 per cent of the training programs already approved for New York veterans, the State Division of Veterans Affairs announced.

Wage Board Ruling Seen As Red Tape

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

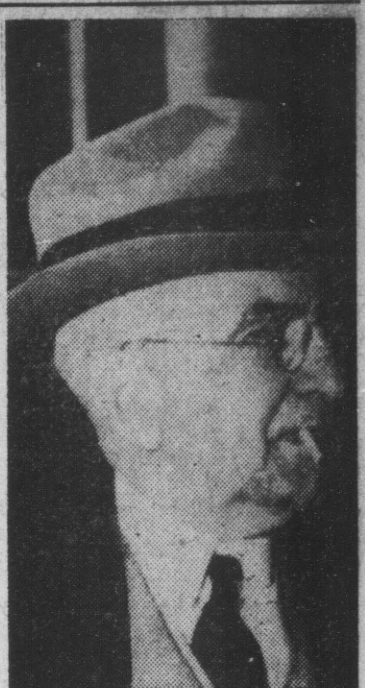
San Francisco, Calif.

The National Wage Stabilization Board has announced an amendment to its Rules of Procedure (Section 802.6 (a), (b)). This amendment provides that where two or more members of a regional board or commission dissent from a ruling made by the majority, they may request that the issuance of the ruling be stayed pending review by the National Board. In such cases the regional board or commission must transmit to the National Board, within seven days, the proposed majority ruling, the request for review by the dissenting members, and an opinion of the dissenting members, supporting their request.

The effect of this amendment is to permit dissenting members of regional boards or commissions to appeal to the National Board on cases in which they dissent and stay the issuance of the order during the period of the appeal.

A similar provision was in effect during the period of the War Labor Board, and it acted as a weapon to delay the settlement of various controversies. This amendment is another bit of entangling governmental red tape.

Confirm War Talk



George S. Messersmith, U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, called for a U. S.-Latin American lineup for an "inevitable war" between the U. S. and the Soviet Union in a speech delivered in Buenos Aires. This was revealed in an exclusive Federated Press story. Denied by Messersmith, the FP report was substantiated by a front-page Chicago Sun dispatch on September 5. (Federated Pictures.)

Music-Makers Out



Members of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians (AFL), picket New York hotels after owners refused to accept union demands for an adequate wage boost. The hotel operators answered the musicians by sending them dismissal notices. (Federated Pictures.)

CIO BACKS DOWN AGAIN! REJECTS NLRB ELECTION AT TERVIN CANNING CO.

Apparently fearful of the outcome, the CIO backed down from a National Labor Relations Board election at the Tervin Canning Co. of Salinas last week although the CIO earlier had petitioned the election in an effort to wrest jurisdiction over the plant workers from AFL Warehousemen and Employees Union 890. Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer of Local 890, issued the following statement regarding the situation:

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, particularly those who have friends and relatives who work at the Tervin Canning Company, Salinas:

As you well remember, last May an election was to have been held at this cannery for the purpose of deciding whether the people wanted the CIO or the A. F. of L. for their bargaining agent. In view of the fact that the plant was not running very steady and because of reconversion, it was decided that a hearing would be held at a later date in order to set a proper time for the election. On Thursday, September 12, such a hearing was held in San Francisco by the National Labor Relations Board to set a date for an election at the Tervin Canning Company so that the people would have a Union to represent them if they so desired.

We wish to inform our people now that the CIO-FTA Tobacco Workers did not agree to a yearly election. They did not agree to an early election as suggested on or about the middle of October, even though they were aware that the plant would be in peak production in the processing of tomatoes.

In testifying before that Board from the records, our Union will be able to prove at any time that if the election is not ordered by the Board at this Cannery some time in October, that it will be because the CIO have stalled. We are all aware that the National Labor Relations Board is very short handed and that they have a backlog of some five thousand cases; and that they are docketed with new cases at around one thousand per month.

Wharf Tower To Aid Fleet During Storms

A storm weather control tower to aid the sardine fishing fleet on Monterey Bay will be constructed at the end of the big wharf in Monterey, it was reported last week.

Floodlights and a spotlight will be used by the control tower to light the way for boats attempting to make port through the rough water. The tower itself will be of glass, 8 by 5 feet in size.

Material Lack Still Slowing Building Here

Shortages of material continue to curtail building throughout Monterey County, reports F. O. Easton, business agent of the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council.

Easton added that employment is continuing good and more men could be used, despite the shortage of materials which is preventing start of many projects.

England was the first nation to build school children at midday beginning in 1870.

Register Now!

Wednesday, September 25, is the LAST DAY you can register to vote the final general election of November 5. If you were not registered to vote in the last primary election and have not registered since then you must register NOW in order to vote November 5.

Great issues of vital concern to Labor are at stake in the November final—support of important initiative measures on the ballot; support of progressive, labor-backed congressmen and state legislators; support of John F. Shelley for Lieutenant-Governor of California.

Go down to your County Clerk's office NOW, and register. See that your wife, husband, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister is registered!

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THE DOVE TREMBLES

Original idea behind the United Nations was this: All signatories would agree to keep the peace by uniting their power to stop aggressors from aggressing. This was to have been the main business of the UN. The other things the UN, as now constituted, is supposed to do (social, economic, etc.) are the veriest frills compared with the one imperative job that confronts the world—to stop wars of aggression. To stop wars of aggression, a cooperative international police force (ready to crack down at once on any nation violating another nation's borders) was to have been set up.

Yet today, considerably over a year after the UN structure was set up at San Francisco, there is no international police force and every nation is going it alone in the matter of military preparedness. The major powers are maintaining military forces and equipment out of all proportion to what would be required to stop incipient aggressors if such forces were pooled and under the direction of the UN.

The United States has the atom bomb, the biggest navy in the world, the biggest air force in the world, and is without a peer in the field of radar development, jet-propelled planes and rocket projectiles. Yet our military chiefs insist on vastly more army and navy personnel for a military machine—not to be directed by the UN, but to be our own creature, to do with as we will.

In other words, the second war to end all wars is a washout. The armament race is on full blast, accompanied by a return to the old balance of power politics. The leading powers have split into "eastern" and "western" blocs, each suspicious of the motives of the other, each playing off former enemy powers, as "buffers," against each other, each striving to dominate key bases, strategic waterways and "zones of influence." We don't know who is to blame for this tragic division between the Slav nations and the remainder of the powers. The Russians say they are being ganged up on. Spokesmen for the Western powers say that Russia and her satellite border countries are hell-bent on conquest and communist imperialism. Byrnes and Bevin say that they have bent over backward to meet Russia half-way, but that Molotov and Gromyko are the Charlie McCarthys of a stubborn, unreasonably suspicious Kremlin. Elliott Roosevelt in his new book about his father declares that the Western powers have sabotaged the structure of Big Three unity.

The whole point is that the United Nations are not united, that there is no unity of purpose, that each nation is still going it alone militarily, that the little people of the world are still groaning beneath a gigantic tax burden for armies and armament.

Worsening of relations between the Slav and Western "blocs" cannot grow very much worse without producing incidents that lead to another war.

A politician was once defined as a man who thinks of the next election; a statesman as one who thinks of the next generation. *Where are the statesmen?*

ATOMIC SECURITY IS ILLUSORY

Many people seem to think that because the United States possesses the secret of the atomic bomb, we run no risks in going to war with another power or group of powers. The theory seems to be that all we would have to do would be to drop a dozen, or two of the bombs on the strategic industrial centers of the enemy and, presto, the war is over, with us absolutely unscathed.

What they fail to consider is that, even if no other nation has the atomic bomb or will have within the next few years, any industrial nation that can make airplanes and rockets in quantity can counter-attack with a weapon even more deadly in some respects than the atomic bomb. *That weapon is biological warfare.*

Living disease organisms, toxins and synthetic chemicals can be unleashed that will wipe out whole populations. We are told by one scientist that there is a tetanus toxin, one ounce of which could provide fatal doses for more than 100 million people. Dozens of other things, already produced in laboratories, are equally devastating. There are chemicals that can be released to destroy vast fields of food crops.

Any nation that can produce airplanes and rockets can also conduct biological and chemical warfare. Any such nation that is attacked with atomic bombs can immediately retaliate with weapons even more terrible. Full-scale warfare on such a survival basis would probably mean the death of millions of American civilians, and a world devastated by famine and plague.

In the future the only alternative to peace is world suicide. And the time is growing late for the statesmen to be going about their chore of building the peace.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

THE RETORT CRUSHING

Charles Bradlaugh, the famous Free Thought orator, was, during one of his speeches to a large audience, greatly bothered by a man in the gallery who wanted to make him speak about birth control. "What about checks?" the man kept bawling. At last Bradlaugh looked up. "There's this about them, my friend," he said, gravely, "it's a great pity your parents did not know of them."

W. C. Fields, who is, to do a movie entitled, "The Last Weekend in a Nudist Camp," has been studying forms of behavior in various camps in order to bone up on local color. While at one of the camps, he was told by one of the ladies that she and her associates were planning a costume party.

"I'm worrying over what to wear," she told Fields, who assured her:

"Well, with your varicose veins, I think you could go as a road map."

OUT OF HIS ELEMENT

The policeman noticed the man coming down the street in a barrel. "Look, here, fella," the cop said, "what's the idea of the barrel. Are you a poker player?"

"No, sir," the man replied. "But I spent a couple of hours with some guys who are."

JUST OFF THE COB

A government crop inspector visited a Kentucky farm and began asking questions:

"Do you people around here ever have trouble with insects getting in your corn?"

"Balls o' fire, we-uns sure do," said the farmer. "But we jes fishes 'em out an' drinks it anyhow."

REALY ACCOMPLISHED

SINGER: "How do you like my voice?"

ACCOMPANIST: "Lady, I've played the white keys; I've played the black keys; but you're the first one I ever saw that could sing in the cracks."

THAT HELD HIM

Add Chauncey Depew stories: At a dinner party the old gentleman sat next to a dazzling woman wearing a strapless evening gown. Eyeing her speculatively for some time, Mr. Depew finally asked, "If you don't mind a personal question, what keeps your bodice up?" "Quite simple," she replied with a ravishing smile. "My discretion and your extreme age!"

HANDY CREATURE

A young British private walking through the park with his girl met his sergeant.

"This is my sister," he explained bashfully.

"That's all right," the sergeant replied, kindly. "She used to be mine."

Hearst Plot to Stop Slav Food Nipped Quickly

Washington, D.C. A campaign by the New York Daily Mirror to halt the loading and sailing of ships with relief supplies for Yugoslavia got a kick in the teeth from Gen. Lowell Rooks, as the finger man.

"The statement that I announced any such orders is absolutely contrary to the facts," Gen. Rooks said. "Furthermore, I knew of no such orders being announced or even contemplated by anyone else."

Rooks said dockside officials informed UNRRA representatives that loading had stopped for the Labor Day holidays and for no other reason, and that they knew of no other orders which would delay sailing of the ships.

New Magazine To Specialize In Labor Doings

Detroit, Michigan. A bright new monthly digest of world labor events called Labor Review, made its first appearance here on the heels of Labor Day.

Published by Ben Yomen, well-known labor artist, the publication presents a cross-section of labor throughout the world in the form of reprinted articles and original material.

In an editorial statement in its birthday issue, Labor Review, declared its dedication to Abraham Lincoln's statement: "The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people of all nations and tongues and kindreds."

Labor Review is a member of Federated Press. Published at 83 Virginia Park, Detroit 2, Labor Review sells by subscription only for \$3 a year and \$5 for two years.

The tobacco industry paid 53 per cent of its workers less than 65 cents an hour in 1944.

SEX, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

by Thurman Rice, M.D. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, E. Washington Square, Philadelphia. Price \$2.50.

Sex books flood the market, and many of them are not worth the time reading. This one is way above par, and is especially valuable for couples planning to marry and the wise suggestions in it might do much to save many marriages ready for the rocks.

Dr. Rice was once Commissioner and Director of the Indiana State Board of Health, and is the author of several pamphlets on the same topic which have received widespread distribution through the American Medical Association.

Sex mating, the art of love, causes of failure in marriage, birth control and many other related subjects are covered in helpful fashion. There isn't any question that without proper sex adjustment, most marriages crack up. Dr. Rice is no epicurean; neither has he an ounce of puritanism in his makeup. After long experience and observation, he writes about life as it is and what should be done to get the most out of the marriage relationship.

For too long this subject has been confined to whispering and back-alley talk. Many of the books on the market ("mailed in plain envelopes") are merely sensational. A book like this, packed with practical advice, can be of inestimable value to young people ready to assume their responsibilities in society. Suggestions are plainly put

and very much to the point—heartily recommended.

-AL SESSIONS.

Two Penguin Specials

Penguin recently released two more interesting and timely books in the 25-cent editions, now on sale at stands and book stores. "The New Veteran," by Charles G. Bolte, originally published by Reynal and Hitchcock, discusses every angle of the veteran problem and champions the rights of the boys who did the fighting. Every veteran should read it, and every civilian ought to be familiar with its contents in order to appreciate the problems confronting the veteran.

The other timely volume is "America's Role in the World Economy," by Alvin H. Hansen, a reprint of the W. W. Norton & Co. edition. Hansen is a professor of political economy at Harvard and does a scholarly job of analyzing the factors necessary for economic stabilization and building the structure of permanent peace.

Both books are recommended for their factual information.—A. S.

New Bantam Issues

A quartet of new Bantam 25-cent reprints provides a good balance of fiction reading. They include "A Bell for Adano," best-selling novel by John Hersey; "Escape the Night," mystery by Mignon G. Eberhart; "Home Ranch," a fast-paced western by Will James; "The Laughter of My Father," collection of inimitable humorous stories by Carlos Bulosan.—A. S.

CHINA SHIPPING

Shanghai, China.

The Chinese government has drawn up a five-year plan for the reconstruction of the national merchant navy, which suffered heavy losses in the war with Japan. It proposes to establish shipyards capable of building ships up to 10,000 tons, and covering an area of about 167 acres in the Woosung district, about ten miles north of Shanghai. It is hoped to get the equipment partly from Japan as war reparations, and the remainder by purchase in the U. S. A., Canada, and Australia. According to Lloyd's List the U. S. A. and Canada will supply a number of complete shipways. Until such time as the Chinese yards are able to meet the national needs ships will be bought abroad.

Bradley Acts To Assure Training For Veterans

Washington, D.C.—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, announced special steps to make sure every disabled veteran seeking education can get into schools this fall, regardless of crowded conditions.

He has directed all branch and regional offices to use every possible resource for the admission of disabled veterans to courses they need to complete their vocational training.

Leading all other courses among enrolled veterans was engineering, while mechanics was leading among those in job training. Aviation, banking and finance, chiropractic, communications and utilities training were the least sought for trades among veterans.

America's Petrified Press Is Pillar of Reaction

The owner of a newspaper is under a terrific compulsion toward conservatism, which to him means saving the country, and offers a mighty field for editorial patriotism. Out of such materials the fundamental policy of the American press has been built up. This trend toward conservatism is all the more impressive if you recognize that there are many liberal newspaper publishers in the country, and that greater newspaper properties are built up through the popular appeal of liberal policies. The trouble with journalistic liberalism is that it seldom can withstand the strain of great prosperity, and it is not hereditary. Call the roll of the conservative newspapers of America and you will find an amazing number that were built up through militant liberalism, but which through changes of ownership, through changes in family ideals from one generation to the next, or through the sheer pressure of reinvested profits, have become bulwarks of American reaction.—From the ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE BIG LEAGUES IS THE SCENE OF THE LATEST UNION DRIVE. THE AMERICAN BASEBALL GUILD CALLS FOR:

1. FREEDOM OF CONTRACT
2. PLAYERS TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SALE PRICE IF TRADED
3. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN WAGE DISPUTES
4. PROVISION FOR SECURITY, INSURANCE, BONUSES AND OTHER MATTERS.

ARE UNIONS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE? IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., THE ALABAMA FUEL AND IRON CO. SUED THE UNITED MINE WORKERS-AFL FOR LIBEL, AND COLLECTED \$25,000 OUT OF COURT.

COVERAGE FOR 21,000,000 MORE AMERICANS, INCLUDING FARMERS



HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY A. J. ALTMAYER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD. HE URGES CONGRESS TO EXTEND COVERAGE TO ALL GAINFULLY EMPLOYED PERSONS, EVEN THE SELF-EMPLOYED.

EVERYONE CAN GET THE HAT HE WANTS - UNION MADE! BE SURE IT BEARS THIS LABEL UNDER THE SWEATBAND.



"I can agree with this, all right," said Mr. Dilworth, looking up from a copy of the Harvard Business Review. "A very learned professor says here that..."

"Very learned?" Little Luther asked. "I thought all professors were crackpots."

"Well, that depends, son," said Mr. Dilworth. "If they are New Dealers, favor labor and stuff like that, they ARE crackpots, running around in silly black gowns and mortarboard hats, absent-minded, radical, dupes, too stupid to come in out of the rain."

"Just like a cartoon in a Republican or Democratic newspaper," Little Luther suggested.

"That's it to a T!" Mr. Dilworth exclaimed. "On the other hand, of course, if they're solid, solid, sober, thoughtful men, averse to drifting with every popular wind, then we call them 'very learned professors.'"

"I call that kind either hypocrites, bootlickers or stuffed shirts," said Little Luther.

"Remind me to wash your mouth out tonight, my son," Mr. Dilworth said.

"Well, anyway," demanded Little Luther, "what does this learned maggot-pate of yours have to say?"

"He says," said Mr. Dilworth, "that what the nation needs now is MATURE labor leaders. The fighting's over. 'Conflict' emotions hamper a mature labor leader trying to negotiate a contract or a grievance. To keep his job, the labor leader thinks he must be more militant than his rival. But to succeed, once he's elected, he must forget about getting people to hate the boss, and must be mature."

"You're sure that's mature spelled with a 't', are you?" asked Little Luther.

"Sounds to me as if your learned professor is asking for sell-out artists."

"Nothing of the sort, Luther. Why, labor's won its battle for recognition. Who fights unions now? Unions can put their dukes down. Enlightened management wants to get along with unions."

"They sure take a funny way of showing it," said Little Luther.

"Labor's best friend is enlightened management," said Mr. Dilworth. "Do you know that?"

"I wonder," said Little Luther, "if I'd go to the chair if I could prove it was a mercy killing."

New York Paper Pays Grudging Last Tribute

New York City From the New York Times came a one-a-year pat on the back for organized labor with the admission that unions have rescued American workers from being the orphan children of our economy.

In 1894 when Labor Day was legalized, the Times editorial said, about 1 in 40 belonged to a union while today about 3 out of 10 belong. The average union man in 1894 averaged 53 1/2 hours a week and the non-union man about 62. The efforts of organized labor have now made the 40-hour week standard, the Times admits. Workers in 1894, drew \$1.50 a day or less. In 1946 average earnings are past the \$1 an hour mark, thanks to unions. If only the Times could remember its own figures on the other 364 days of the year!

Vet Group Asks Federal Probe Of Army Camps

Washington, D.C. The American Veterans Committee asked Chmn. Elbert Thomas, (D, Utah) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, to investigate all Army prison camps.

The AVC request came after Col. James A. Kilian had been slapped on the wrist for allowing brutality to GI prisoners in the Lichfield, England, 10th Replacement Depot during the war. AVC Vice-Chmn. Gilbert Harrison termed Kilian's \$500 fine and reprimand "a whitewash of the horrors of Lichfield."

"Col. Kilian is undoubtedly only one of the several flagrant examples of commanding officers responsible for horrors in Army prison camps," Harrison said. "AVC cannot try the Army detention camp system, and the Army's attempts to whitewash the Lichfield depot indicates that only a congressional investigation will bring out the real facts."

Rail Trainmen Expel Yardmasters as Scabs

Cleveland, Ohio. Pres. A. F. Whitney of the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) confirmed reports that members of the Railroad Yardmasters of America who are also members of the BRT face expulsion from his union and possible loss of insurance benefits for refusal to take part in last May's railroad strike. "Our membership rules provide for the expulsion of scabs," Whitney said.

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Big Majority Favor Recalling American Soldiers from China

New York City.

A recent poll by the American Broadcasting Co. revealed the American people are 8-3 in favor of withdrawing the U. S. Marines from China.

The ABC conducted the poll as a followup to their regular coast-to-coast Question for America program. Their testing of sentiment throughout the nation revealed the following ratios of opinion in support of withdrawing our forces from the Chinese tinderbox:

East Coast	3-1
Midwest	5-2
South	2-1
Far West	2-1
Over-all summary	8-3

RHINE WAGES

Basel, Switzerland.

A regional conference of the International Transport Workers Federation was held recently to discuss and draft a proposed International Rhine Navigation Charter which would establish minimum wages and working conditions for those workers in the Rhine navigation. The principal purpose of the conference was aimed at eliminating unfair competition; unifying and improving the wages and working conditions of this group of I.T.W. affiliated transport workers. The structure for these improvements will be comparable with the International Seafarers' Charter, on which the International Labor Organization conference recently held in Seattle, Wash., was largely based.

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MINUTES

Central Labor Council

Minutes of Monterey Co. Central Labor Council, Sept. 6, 1946. Meeting called to order by Pres. Deer at 8 p.m., with salute to the flag. The roll was called and the absentees were noted. Credentials for Bro. Donald I. Peters from the Retail Clerks were read. Motion made by Bro. Mattos & seconded by Bro. Miller that Bro. Donald I. Peters be investigated. Carried. Mr. Silliman, who is seeking election to the office of State Assemblyman, was introduced. He was well received by the delegates present. He promises that if elected, that he will support Gov. Earl Warren in his program for the state. Mr. Silliman stated that more products used in Calif. should be manufactured within the state. Motion made by Bro. Mattos & seconded by Bro. Lyons, that Bros. Elmer Mattart from the Sugar Workers & Donald I. Peters from the Retail Clerks be seated. Bro. Tony Aguillo, vice-pres. State Federation, was introduced. He complimented this area on the victory in the local canneries. Also Bro. Aguillo was pleased with the organization of the Coffee Shops & Bars in the local hotels. Bro. Aguillo invited all local A. F. of L. Unions, not affiliated with the State Federation to join the Federation. Bill Pedigo, of the Labor News, was introduced and expressed his thanks for the privilege of addressing this Council. Minutes of previous regular meeting read and approved as read.

UNION REPORTS

Butchers—Reported on new contract in San Mateo Co. Carpenters—Initiated 7 members, good meeting. Laborers—Progress on Perma-manente contract. Box Makers—Initiated one member, would like the Teamsters to organize the drivers of the box companies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees reported the sale of seats for \$25 to the Sugar Workers' Union.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Bro. Anthony Aguillo read and ordered filed.

Weekly News Letter from State Federation referred to Legislative Committee.

Bulletin from British Information Service to be placed on Bulletin Board.

Letter from Painters Local Union 1103 referred to New Business.

Circular from Social Security Administration ordered filed.

Circular from OPA ordered filed.

Letter from Retail Clerks referred to New Business.

BILLS

Dunn's Stationery, Dept. of Employment and secretary's salary O.K'd by trustees and ordered paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion held on the construction of a Labor Temple at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, Calif. All of the delegates present expressed their views on this matter. The Housing Committee was instructed by the pres. to investigate probable locations for a Labor Temple and submit a report as soon as possible. Bros. Mattart & Lyons appointed on Housing Committee. Sec'y. to write to Bro. Meany for credentials to A.F. of L. Convention. Motion made by Sister Boles & seconded by Bro. Borges that a check be sent to Mr. Hess for services rendered at banquet. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter read from Retail Clerks that the Sausal Market & the American Market be cited before the executive board. Motion made by Bro. Harrie & seconded by Bro. Miller that the request be concurred in. Carried. Executive board meeting has been called for Friday p.m., Sept. 13, 1946. Resolution from the Painters Local Union 1103 read and referred to Legislative Committee.

Financial report given.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Fraternally submitted.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres. A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P.O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres. Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1186-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamill, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7661.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

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Remember to register—deadline is next Thursday, September 26.

Turn in any news items you wish printed in this column to the office of the union at any of the following addresses: SALINAS, Main and John St., phone 4893; WATSONVILLE, 322 Walker St., phone 2596; GILROY, 153 W. Sixth Street, phone Gilroy 559.

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HERE AND THERE

It has been rumored that Brother Troy Powell, working for Holme and Seifert, got rid of his motorcycle. The committee that handles the benefit fund feel a lot better. Vernon Dietz, employed by J. J. Crossetti, Watsonville, was married July-13th at Reno, Nevada. They spent a six weeks honeymoon at

Minneapolis, Minn. He married the former Nora Berton, also employed at J. J. Crossetti Company. Cellophane covers are being issued for all new books.

Council Will Observe 50th Anniversary

Washington, D. C. The Washington Central Labor Union (AFL) will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 19 with a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel here. Among the invited guests are President Truman, cabinet members and other high government officials, with attendance forecast at 1200. The CLU now has about 100 affiliated locals with a combined membership of 200,000 workers in the Washington area.

W. C. FIELDS: "The reason graveyards are so hush-hush is because the stiff that are flopped under the headstones aren't wearing themselves out trying to keep up with the mausoleum crowd."

Non-Civilian Building Still Amounts to Lot

Washington, D. C. Civilian Production Administration announced it had denied about 50 per cent more dollar value in non-residential building applications than it had approved during the week ending August 22. Denials amounted to over \$40 million, with approvals valued at almost \$28 million.

Approvals since the March 26 limitation order still outstrip denials, however, \$1,802 million to \$1,197 million.

'Little People' Could Have a Big Voice

Little fascist diplomats, little kings in Greece, Are the kind of dastards lousing up our peace.

Little men in Wall St., little profits piling, Are the guys who give the worms a goodly cause for smiling.

Little men in Congress, jumping at their bidding, Little generals shouting, "let's get tough—no kidding!"

Little atom bombs, impatient to be roaring, To make us into angels in the blue a-soaring.

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JOHN BARRYMORE: "John Milton wrote 'Paradise Lost,' then his wife died and he wrote 'Paradise Regained.'"

J. Edgar Now Sleeps Nights; Peace in Wash.

Washington, D. C. Peace has at last come to Washington. The White House announced that traffic will be resumed on East Executive Ave. between the White House and Treasury, closed to pedestrians and cars since Pearl Harbor.

Apparently J. Edgar Hoover thinks all Japanese and Nazi agents have been rounded up.

FRENCH BOOST

Government officials of France have just concluded negotiations with the merchant marine officers, decreeing an average increase of about 50 per cent in the new minimum salaries, retroactive to February 1. As in the case of seamen, whose wages were also raised in a similar proportion on the same date, the increase was decided upon by the Government without negotiations with the ship-owners. The new monthly scale applies to all vessels over 500 tons deadweight, with the exception of tugs.

Promotions

An arbitrator in a Shell Oil case recently ruled that union contracts providing for promotions on the basis of ability, efficiency and seniority mean that the employee who is capable of performing the job, and who has the most seniority, is the one who must be promoted.

The company is prohibited from promoting the man it considers the best qualified. This is an important decision since it tackles the thorny problem of how much weight is to be given each factor.

In normal times, 22.2 per cent of all airport income in the United States comes from the sale of aviation gasoline.

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

TAFT, FINANCIAL SECTY. OF CARPENTERS, SUFFERS STROKE, SERIOUSLY ILL

Louis H. Taft, financial secretary of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, suffered a stroke last week and has been confined to his home, seriously ill and believed partially paralyzed, union officials reported last Friday.

Brother Taft has been financial secretary of the union for some 25 years and is one of the best known and best liked officials of Carpenters Unions in the state.

He is the last remaining charter member of Local 925, having been instrumental in securing the charter for the organization in 1902.

Business Agent George Harter of Local 925 said Brother Taft, who is about 74 years of age, is remaining at his home under care of his wife, in preference to going to a hospital. Harter said he understood that Brother Taft may be partially paralyzed.

BE SURE TO REGISTER!

All members of Carpenters Union 925 are urged to make sure that they are registered as voters. Those who failed to vote in the last election, those who have moved since they registered last, and those who have changed their names through marriage must reregister to be eligible to vote.

As convenience to members, voting registration books are kept at the offices of Local 925 and Business Agent George Harter is a deputy registrar and can sign all persons up so they can cast ballots at coming elections.

Start of construction of the wooden quonset-type buildings in the Spreckels area has been delayed due to material shortages. Piers for the new building have been constructed.

There are virtually no new jobs starting here, but there still is a call for carpenters. If you are out

of work, contact Business Agent, Harter.

Start of the new prison farm construction job near Soledad, a job using convict labor, was reported last week. A small contractor was found to be foreman for the job after all union men refused. Union protests against convict labor have been to no avail as yet.

Twenty buildings at the Salinas Army Air Base are to be torn down and the material turned over to the Federal Public Housing Authority for reconstruction purposes, it is reported.

Negotiations were expected to be completed this week for new wage rates for members of Carpenters 925 operating woodworking machines in the various lumber yards in Salinas area, reports Business Agent George Harter of the union.



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